

FORT MCDOWELL

(FORT MCDOWELL, EAST GARRISON) NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS'
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Location: Angel Island, Marin County, California

Present Owner: State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation

Present Occupant: Angel Island State Park

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 34-35 was built to house two non-commissioned officers and their families at the East Garrison of Fort McDowell. This wood frame dwelling was built after the major concrete building campaign undertaken in 1910-14, indicating the construction of more modest buildings for personnel of lower rank.

Description: Currently Building No. 34-35 is in poor condition. It is located in a row of five extant NCO quarters on a bluff behind the officers' quarters. Building No. 34-35 is an approximately 57 by 30 foot, one-story, wood frame structure on a raised basement. The structure is rectangular in plan, six bays wide and three bays deep, with a hipped roof. Each unit has an entrance porch on the northeast elevation. Building No. 34-35 has poured concrete foundations, horizontal wood weatherboard exterior siding approximately six inches wide, and an asphalt shingle roof. For more information see drawings HABS No. CA-2721-D.

History: The original construction date of this building is unknown. It may be on the 1915 site plan - a rectangular building footprint appears in the proper location for Building No. 34-35. Building No. 34-35 does appear as one of the nco quarters on a 1922 site plan. NCO quarters were not included in the major concrete building campaign during 1910-14, but were still needed. Cheaper wood frame buildings were used to continue expansion of the East Garrison, particularly as the post became even busier during World War I.

Army records indicate that Building No. 34-35 was "reconditioned to the meet the needs of the station" at a total cost of \$3,105.57, not including the labor of enlisted men. This work was completed on April 5, 1934. "Reconditioning" included painting, electrical and plumbing work,

masonry repair, and carpentry. The largest amount, \$2,214.29, was spent on materials and civilian labor for carpentry. It appears that the entire roof structure was replaced and exterior window openings reconfigured. A glimpse of Building No. 34-35 in an April 1929 photograph of Building No. 36 shows a gable roof structure with two single window openings on the side elevation. In a September 1934 photograph, Building No. 34-35 has a low pitched hipped roof and two sets of paired windows on the side elevation. In 1936, Building No. 34-35 received new plumbing fixtures.

Sources:

Fort McDowell site plan (20 October 1915), Fortification File, NARA, Cartographic and Architectural Branch, RG 77, Drawer 97, Sheet 32-12.

Fort McDowell site plan (1922), Blueprint File, NARA, Cartographic and Architectural Branch, RG 92, Sheet 8. All of the NCO quarters are depicted on this plan with their current numbers.

Historical Record of Public Buildings (QMC Form No. 117), Fort McDowell, Angel Island, Building No. 34-35 - Non-Commissioned Officers Quarters, NARA, RG 77, Entry 393, Box 142, Folder 3. Includes September 1934 photograph.

Historical Record of Public Buildings (QMC Form No. 117), Fort McDowell, Angel Island, Building No. 36 - Non-Commissioned Officers Quarters, NARA, RG 77, Entry 393, Box 142, Folder 3. Includes April 1929 photograph.

Project Information:

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documentation, HABS No. CA-1841, Camp Reynolds, for information about the West Garrison portion of the island.